

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q96480

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Group Art Unit: 1634

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For: **METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING OR PREDICTING SUSCEPTIBILITY TO OPTIC NEUROPATHY**

**STATEMENT TO SUPPORT FILING AND SUBMISSION IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825**

**MAIL STOP SEQUENCE**

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In connection with the substitute Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith, the undersigned hereby states that:

1. the submission, filed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(g), does not include any new matter;
2. the contents of the 45-page substitute Sequence Listing being filed herewith, and the attached computer readable copy of the substitute Sequence Listing, submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(c) and (e), respectively, are the same; and
3. all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that

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such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent resulting therefrom.

Applicants respectfully request amendment of the application by entry of the substitute Sequence Listing into the application in place of the Sequence Listing filed with the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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